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INFORM CONSULS FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY TO CHIEF OF MISSION

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SUBJECT: GSP IMPLEMENTATION

1. THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION TODAY TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES ON JANUARY 1, 1976, REPRESENTS A MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE IN THE TRADE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ONE WHICH WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NINETY-EIGHT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THIRTY-NINE DEPENDENT TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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BENEFICIARIES FOR THIS NEW SYSTEM WHICH WILL GRANT DUTY-

FREE ENTRY INTO THE U.S. MARKET FOR OVER 2,700 SEPARATE EXPORT ITEMS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. GSP WILL PROVIDE FAR-REACHING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO EXPAND THEIR TRADE AND DIVERSIFY THEIR ECONOMIES.

2. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE TAKEN A VERY ACTIVE PART IN THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A GSP WHICH IS AS POSITIVE AND BROAD IN ITS CONTENT AND COVERAGE AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT. YOU CAN APPRECIATE THAT UNDER CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THE TASK HAS NOT BEEN EASY. I AM THEREFORE PARTICULARLY PLEASED AND GRATIFIED THAT WE NOW HAVE A PROGRAM IN

WHICH ALL CAN TAKE PRIDE, AND WHICH WILL COMPARE VERY FAVORABLY WITH THE GSP SYSTEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, I WISH TO URGE EACH OF YOU TO TAKE A PERSONAL ROLE IN MAKING CERTAIN THAT THE GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES OF ALL BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE INFORMED PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY OF THE VERY POSITIVE BENEFITS WHICH THE U.S. GSP CAN PROVIDE. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATE TELEGRAMS AND WIRELESS FILE MATERIALS CONTAINING DETAILS OF GSP TO ASSIST YOU IN THIS EFFORT. KISSINGER

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